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(Ref. No.: MBHB00-882-C; 400/019)

In re Application Of:

Chowrira, et al.

Serial No.: 09 653,225

Filed: August 31, 2000

For: **METHOD AND REAGENT FOR THE  
INHIBITION OF TELOMERASE ENZYME**



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 17, 2002

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following election and traverse in response to the Office Action mailed on May 17, 2002. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (Amended) An enzymatic nucleic acid molecule which specifically cleaves RNA derived from a telomerase reverse transcriptase (TERT) gene, wherein said enzymatic nucleic acid molecule comprises any of the ribozyme sequences identified as SEQ ID NO: 2780-3163, 385-1453, 1454-1831, 5559-5568, 4332, 4471, or 4594.

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Date: June 14, 2002

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